THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.

(c) The Border Security Force (BSF) has apprehended 4594 infiltrators on the India-Bangladesh border between 1st January 2001 to 10th August, 2001. In the current year, the Bangladesh Rifles Forces have killed 16 BSF personnel at Boraibari along the India-Bangladesh border in April, 2001.

(d) The Border Security Forces have been directed to remain in a position of high alert. The field formations are being strengthened and further equipped with better communication system. Government have taken a series of measures which, *inter-alia*, include raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towards, provision of surveillance equipments etc.

Atrocities on downtrodden in Uttar Pradesh

†4018. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the statement made by the Chairman of SC and ST Commission in the State of Uttar Pradesh in which he has said that one incident of atrocity on downtrodden is taking place at every six hours;

(b) if so, the assessment of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken any action at national level to render help and protection to weaker sections of society; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) The Government of Uttar Pradesh is not aware of any such statement reportedly made by the Chairman of the SC & ST Commission in Uttar Pradesh.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) As per the information of the State Government, the incidents of crime against SC/ST is as follows :—

1999	6917
2000	8462
2001	5635 (upto July, 2001)

(c) and (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Government, from time to time, to give more focused attention to improving the administration of the criminal justice system to ensure prevention of atrocities against Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women and other vulnerable sections of the society. The advisories issued by the Government include, *inter alia*, sensitisation of police personnel in the matter of implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Protection of Civil Rights, 1955; recruitment of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes in the police force; identification of atrocity prone areas with a view to preventing crimes, creating awareness among the weaker sections about their rights etc.

Embarrassment for the Union Government

4019. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO :

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation to prevent the recurrence of the Tamil Nadu situation wherein Union Ministers got arrested and created an embarrassment for the Union Government;

(b) if so, the draft of the proposals to be enacted; and

(c) by when enactment is likely to be introduced

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) There is no such proposal before the Government.